

Donald Jones

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Edinburgh University Club of North America

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Dear Sir:

At an impromptu meeting of the office-bearers, which was held on Wednesday, August 5, after the declaration of war, Dr. Maloney in the chair, I was instructed to invite the members of the Edinburgh University Club of North America, collectively and individually, to indicate their loyalty to the Motherland at this crisis in her national history.

It was suggested that, in accordance with the previous medical traditions of our University, the most appropriate expression of loyalty at this moment would be to organize and equip a hospital unit or units. This suggestion was at once submitted, through the British Embassy at Washington, to the Home Government for its approval. It is contemplated that any unit formed shall be attached to the Canadian contingent.

I wish to ascertain now definitely:

- (a) if the plan meets with your approval.
- (b) the names of members who are desirous of serving in such a hospital unit.
- (c) what financial assistance each member can give towards the equipment of the unit.

Those present at the meeting each guaranteed a subscription of \$100 towards defraying the initial expense of equipping and transporting the unit, and most volunteered their personal service also.

In a matter of such great moment and urgency, I need hardly request the favor of an immediate reply.

Yours sincerely,

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